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CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU!

It is always rewarding and heartening for the many employees involved with patient care to know that their efforts are really appreciated. Some of the comments taken from letters recently received are reprinted below.

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"Congratulations on the splendid services you have rendered this community in the development and progress of the Beth Israel Hospital. Up to now I have admired the concrete and brick symbol of your work. My Dad's illness gave me a chance to compliment you on the human equation.

"The staff you have developed over the years is a tribute to our community. I am grateful for the many courtesies shown my Father and am proud of our hospital for its splendid spirit and efficiency. To you and your entire staff go my thanks."

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"I wish to express my thanks to you for the wonderful care I was given during my recent illness. I truly appreciate the kind attention that your staff of doctors and nurses paid me. Kindly convey my message to them."

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"Just as I do in my business, in the course of a month you must receive very numerous complaints about services in your institution. I assume that you, as I, enjoy hearing a favorable comment from time to time.

"My wife was admitted last Sunday, and from the moment she entered the Admitting Office, she has had nothing but compliments for the extreme courtesy of any member of your staff with whom she has been in contact, for the excellence of the hospital services and for the innumerable little things that go towards a patient's comfort.

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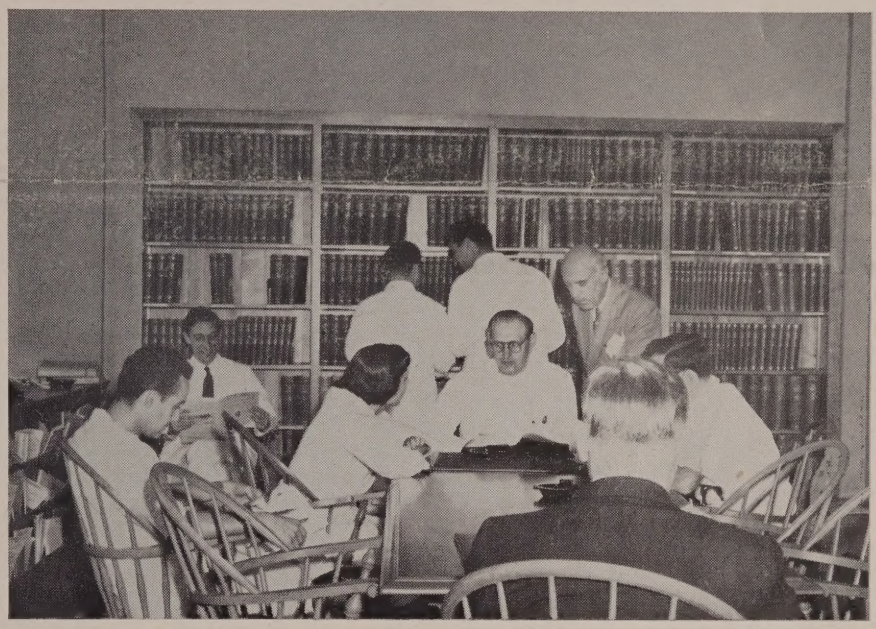
"During my wife's stay every consideration was extended to her and my family, beyond all call of duty. Each member of your staff made me feel as if it were a personal hurt. The excellence of the facilities and humanity of the service registered with us deeply."



TEACHING AT BETH ISRAEL

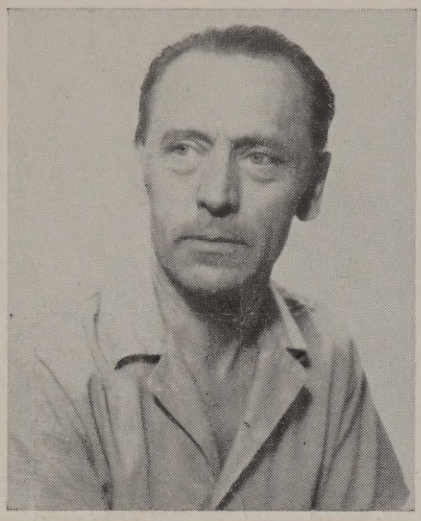
Of the more than 6,000 hospitals in the United States, only a small fraction are teaching units engaged in the professional training of medical students and house officers. From its early days, the Beth Israel has been aware that the best type of patient care goes hand in hand with an active teaching and research program. We are affiliated with both Harvard and Tufts Medical Schools for undergraduate training, and have a large staff of interns and residents receiving graduate training. The undergraduates of these two schools spend time in the hospital as well as in the Out-Patient Department. They attend lectures, conferences and seminars and make rounds on the hospital wards with their instructors. As they advance from the second to the third and then to their final year, they are given added responsibility in the treatment of the patient.

The Harvard teaching service is under the supervision of Doctors Blumgart and Fine. The Tufts teaching service is headed by Doctors Sidel and Berlin. These men hold professorial rank in their respective schools and are assisted by certain members of our staff who also hold teaching appointments at the medical schools.

The graduate teaching program of the hospital includes the training of interns and residents. The first year of a doctor's training after he graduates from medical school is a year of hospital internship. Our hospital offers straight internships in medicine, surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics and pathology. At the present time, we have approximately 41 residents and Fellows taking specialized training, as approved by the American Medical Association, in Medicine, General Surgery, Psychiatry, Urology, Pathology, Radiology, Obstetrics, Oral Pathology, Oral Surgery and Pediatrics.

The teaching program here not only trains doctors for the community (witness the many former House Officers on our staff), but it also has a very important by-product — the effect of the undergraduate and graduate teaching program upon our staff doctors. It is a well recognized fact that the presence of a teaching service stimulates and often results in more progressive medical practice.

PERSONALITIES . . .



AUGUST KIRSIS

This is August, one of our "new Americans" and now a well known Beth Israel worker and member of the Housekeeping Department.

August is a native of Riga, the capital of Latvia, now just another region occupied by Russia. As a young man in the White Russian Army, he was stationed for many years in Siberia, and returned to Latvia only after a long sea voyage from Vladivostok. Home again, he was employed by the national railroad and owned a farm not far outside the city. Again in 1944 his life was disrupted and he was sent into Germany to work. When the Allied Forces entered Germany about June of 1945, he was sent to a Displaced Persons Camp under the auspices of the United Nations I.R.O. As a "first sergeant" of a labor service company, he worked at the Rhine-Main U. S. Air Force Base near Frankfurt. In June, 1949, entered the United States and was employed in Maine for a short time before coming to Boston.

We at Beth Israel feel proud to assist in a small way with the Americanization of such employees as August. In return, he and our other "new Americans" have given us loyal and faithful service.

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THE RECORD SHOWS . . .

With fall in the air, vacations seem but a pleasant memory. From all accounts our employees visited all over the U.S.A. and beyond! Mexico was a favorite spot, with Evelyn Averuch, Ruth Darr, Greta Landwehr, Joanne Henderson and Lee Caplitz all vacationing there. They all saw Dr. Henrique Benaim Pinto, formerly of this hospital, who is now at the Institute of Cardiology in Mexico. The Record Room staff, almost en masse, chose eastern Canada, with Mrs. Richmond, Marilyn Singer and Selma Bookman spending their vacations there. Harriet Klarfield held out for Pennsylvania. Doctors Sidney Cohen and Thomas Dwyer visited the Canadian Rockies. Dr. Fine, however, takes the honors for traveling the farthest — he recently returned from overseas, where he spent most of his time in Israel, helping to set up the Surgical Service of the Hadassah Hospital.

The old June moon (or July or August) took its toll too —

Recent engagements include — Lois Shaktman of the Personnel Office, Barbara Stern of the Admitting Office and Rhoda Goldberg of Payroll.

This summer we had our share of weddings, too — Barbara Walker of the Information became Mrs. Fred Green — Elinor London, X-ray secretary, Mrs. Melvin Mikels, Mary Gleason, technician in X-ray, Mrs. William Quinn and Charna Rutberg in Purchasing, Mrs. Stanley Winer. Myrna Phillips, Cashier, surprised her friends at a bridal shower by announcing her marriage to Mr. Henry Benson the night before!

Births — To Dr. and Mrs. Howard Frank, a son, Edward David, in June. Congratulations also to Mr. Kaufman, our Comptroller, on his son, Michael, born in September. This evens up the Kaufman family with two boys and two girls. Greetings to a *new* New American — baby daughter of Mrs. Marja Grinbush, a new American herself in our Housekeeping Department. Mrs. Grinbush hopes to return to work in the near future.

We welcome back to Beth Israel Mrs. Bunny Shafran Faigel. Bunny, a former research technician, is now working in Bacteriology. Her husband, Dr. Dave Faigel, can keep an eye on her from Oral Pathology. Betty Hershman and Evelyn Korman, wives of two members of our house staff, have proved a welcome addition to our Accounting Office Staff. Among the new technicians in Medical Research are Louise Feldman in Dr. Alexander's laboratory, Helen Baron with Dr. Kurland and Mary Connelly with Dr. Wessler. We shall certainly miss Jennie Gaum, Irene Litt and Eunice Addelson who left us in September.

SOCIAL SERVICE NEWS

We want to introduce two new members of the social work staff who joined us during the summer — Miss Reta Fruman and Miss Doris Seder, graduates of Boston University School of Social Work. We would also like to extend a belated welcome to Miss Frances (better known as "Fuzzy") Hayes, the new member of our clerical staff, and at the same time to wish her heartiest good wishes on her engagement to Mr. Jerry Rogovin. — During the summer, a letter was received from Mrs. Marna Darragh, former social worker here, who tells us she likes New Haven and is now a member of the Social Service Department at Grace Hospital in New Haven — By the way, did you hear that Senorita Ruth Darr has been unofficially detailed by the diplomatic service to act as a Spanish interpreter? Although the other members of the Social Service Department did not travel as far south or west as did Senorita Darr or Miss Jane Davis, who went home to Texarcana, Arkansas for the wedding of her sister, they were very busy acquiring sunburns and practicing up on the art of golf. Come to think of it, perhaps you thought Miss Dolores Spiro our Case Aide, was travelling incognito during the summer months — actually she was only sporting a beautiful North Shore tan.

NEW HOUSE STAFF GROUP

Working 16 to 20 hours a day is nothing unusual for the interns and residents of our hospital. However, they are all believers in the saying "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," so they recently formed the *House Officers Association,* principally for social purposes. During the summer months they have had hot dog roasts and lobster roasts. All of the parties have been held at Nahant Beach — and all have been tremendously successful.

At a recent meeting the House Staff elected Dr. Richard Portis as President and Doctors Harold Weizel and Mary Silverman as Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively. The officers say plans for the coming year include sleigh rides, dances and a show.

Women — and Far Off Countries . . . Our House Staff has taken on a new look and an international quality. The new look is evident in the number of women doctors on our house staff — Dr. Rachel (Benjamin) Brown, Eleanor Covel, Marcia Friedman, Liuba Rozenberg and Mary Silverman. Dr. Ying Ming Yen from Formosa, Dr. Rozenberg from Brazil, Dr. Brown from India and Doctors Szulman and Korman from England and Canada respectively give the hospital a continental air.

B. I. TAKES A VACATION

1. August Kirsis (Housekeeping), Elvira Valdminis (Dietary) and friend at Niagara Falls.
2. Ruth Darr (Social Service) and Evelyn Avruch (Surgical Research) in Mexico.
3. At the beach with Alice Carney (Endocrine) and . . . ?
4. Greta Landwehr (Medical Research) also in Mexico.
5. Winter vacation with Miriam Shapiro and Cynthia Davis (Blood Bank), Bessie Simansky (Central Supply) and friend.
6. Big smiles from Faye Clark (Nursing), Cynthia Davis (Blood Bank) and friend.
7. Mary Day (X-ray) at Tanglewood with member of Boston Symphony
8. Lee Caplitz (Medical Research) another visitor to Mexico, poses with companion.
9. Joanne Henderson (Medical Research) shows off her Mexican friends

NURSES NOTES

With vacations over, the hospital has settled down to the winter work. Vacations this year took our nurses from one end of the country to the other — one of our students was surprised to meet one of our surgeons on the boat crossing the Bay of Fundy! Word comes from Frances and Charlotte Siegel, who have arrived in Dallas, Texas, where they plan to make their home.

There are many new faces in the Nurses' Home, with thirty-three new students joining our School in September. They have been given a welcoming tea, and members of the Women's Auxiliary took the class to the North Shore where they visited all the places of historic interest. The class is looking forward to the traditional Hallowe'en dance which is in the offing.

Cupid found some willing victims this summer, as is evidenced by the fact that Elizabeth Edge, Ann Glazer, Dolores Marks, Thelma Raphael and Estelle Sugarman are now wearing diamonds on the proper finger!

Miss Helen Kumpan is now clinical instructor replacing Miss Adeline Bourne; Miss Gloria Polumbo replaced Miss Kumpan as instructor in nursing. Miss Ursel Schwarz took Miss Ruth Edelsteins's place as head nurse on 4 South.

The Nurses' Alumnae Association plans a busy year. Many familiar faces are seen as our Alumnae had heeded the call and come back to work part-time to strengthen our nursing staff. You may be sure they are more than welcome for whatever time they can spare from their home duties. The first Alumnae meeting of the year will be held in October. The 30th reunion dinner will be on Monday, November 5th, and we are looking forward to seeing all our friends and classmates. Instead of the bazaar this year, a Tombola will be held. We felt that many more people could attend and it could be another means of meeting with old friends. The Alumnae Scholarship Committee has been busy, and more of the Alumnae are college students this fall — Many of our Alumnae and nurses who were employees of the hospital have been guests of our Maternity Wing this summer.

All over the country a great recruitment drive for nurses is going on. We here at Beth Israel have been stimulated by the work done by Miss Mary C. Gilmore and her committee, and we all hope recruits will soon be coming in in goodly numbers.

Did You Know . . .

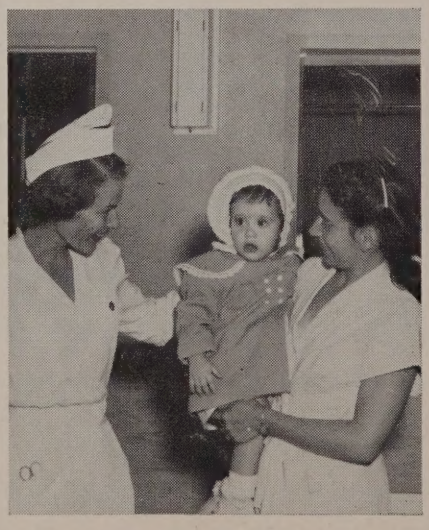
. . . Beth Israel trains not only nurses and doctors but also students in laboratories, X-ray, dentistry, administration and dietitics.

NEW DIETIC STUDENTS

ALL KINDS OF PATIENTS . . .

PAULA MARINA

Paula Marina, though only 16 months old, has had more than her share of medical difficulties. She was a premature baby — two pounds — and had to spend the first four months of her life in the hospital. Later she had another hospital admission, one serious enough to place her on the Danger List. To add to all these difficulties, she recently drank some furniture polish and had to be rushed to the Beth Israel. After a critical period when she was given blood transfusions, intravenous feedings, oxygen and penicillin, she regained her health and was discharged from the hospital on September 19th. Incidentally, you may be sure the furniture polish has been put well out of Paula's reach!



PAULA MARINA

On August 21st, a dinner was held at the Toll House in Whitman to honor the ten graduates of our School of Dietetics. Already more than half our graduates have been placed and the others are in the process of inquiry and interviews. Miss Marian Niiya has accepted a position as civilian research dietitian with an Army Medical Unit which has gone to Japan to study hepatitis at the Medical Evacuation Center, Kaota, Japan. Mrs. Nona Alpard Raphael (married in June) has gone to Amarilla, Texas to join her husband, a Lieutenant in the Air Corps. He is soon to be stationed in Germany and Mrs. Raphael will accompany him and hopes to find employment there as a dietitian. Mrs. Mildred Postoff Fendell (married September 1) and Miss Ruth Nelson have accepted positions here at Beth Israel and are we lucky to get them! Miss Rose Goodman has gone to the New England Medical Center.

The new class of dietetic interns which started September 1 numbers twelve.. All are graduates of colleges and universities in this country. Two come from as far away as Hawaii and British Malaya, the middle west supplies 3, New England 5 and New York and New Jersey one each. Already cupid has struck one of the members of our new class — Miss Alayne Moore has announced her engagement,

The little fellow with the arrow has been busy with the staff, too. Miss Rhoda Paletz, Main Kitchen Dietitian, has announced her engagement to Mr. Lester Werblin of Worcester. They will be married the latter part of December.